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SUBJECT: MPLA MOVES TO THROW FNLA OUT OF LUANDA

1. ACCORDING TO EYEWITNESS REPORTS BY PERSONS LIVING ALONG AVENIDA COMBATENTES, AT APPROXIMATELY 7 A.M. (LOCAL) JULY 11 MPLA BEGAN ATTACKING A MAJOR FNLA BUILDING AT THE END OF COMBAT-ENTES. BY 10 A.M. MPLA HAD TAKEN THE BUILDING AND RAISED ITS FLAG. MPLA THEN TURNED ITS ATTENTION TO THE MAIN FNLA DELEGATION TWO BLOCKS AWAY ON AVENIDA BRAZIL. AT 1230 LOCAL A CONGEN OFFICER WATCHED MPLA ZERO IN ON THE BUILDING WITH .50 CAL MACHINE GUN FIRE AND MORTARS. THERE IS AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT IT HAS JUST FALLEN. EVEN IF IT HASN'T YET CAPITULATED, IF MPLA

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PRESSES ITS ATTACK THE FNLA INSTALLATION CAN NOT HOLD OUT

MUCH LONGER.

2. AT ONE POINT DURING THE SUCCESSFUL MPLA ATTACK ON THE FNLA BUILDING ON AV. COMBATENTES, THE MPLA TROOPS REVERSED DEPLOYMENT TO COUNTER AN EXPECTED ATTACK FROM UNITA WHICH NEVER MATERIALIZED. (UNITA'S MAIN DELEGATION IS ON AV. COMBATENTES APPROXIMATELY 1/2 MILE FROM FNLA'S ILL-FATED BUILDING.) AT ONE POINT FLEEING FNLA TROOPS SOUGHT REFUGE IN UNITA'S HQ BUT LEFT AFTER A THREATENED MPLA ATTACK.

3. PORTUGUESE TROOPS ARE OUT IN LARGE NUMBERS BUT ARE NOT INTERFERING. A CONGEN OFFICER WATCHED A TRUCK LOAD OF PORTUGUESE INTEGRATED FORCES PHYSICALLY FORCE THEIR LIEUTENANT TO DESIST FROM PROCEEDING FURTHER INTO THE COMBAT ZONE. OTHER PORTUGUESE TROOPS CHEERED THE RETREAT.

4. ACCORDING TO AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT JUST RECEIVED, FNLA'S MILITARY HQ ON THE CATETE ROAD HAS BEEN CONQUERED AND PUT TO THE TORCH.
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